

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION;

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS;

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS;

REMARKS are included following the amendments; and

In an Appendix are Replacement Sheets 1/8 and 2/8 showing amended Figs. 1-4, together with original Fig. 2.